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1. PCT International Search Report for PIRASTU, et al., International Application No. PCT/IT2003/000627, filed October 14, 2003, Dated April 14, 2004. [**Exhibit 1**]
2. GIANFRANCESCO, et al., "Identification of a Novel Gene and a Common Variant Associated with Uric Acid Nephrolithiasis in a Sardinian Genetic Isolate," American Journal of Human Genetics, Vol. 72, No. 6, June 2003, pages 1479-1491, XP001179678. [**Exhibit 2**]

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4. OMBRA, et al., "Identification of a New Candidate Locus for Uric Acid Nephrolithiasis," American Journal of Human Genetics, Vol. 68, No. 5, May 2001, pages 1119-1129, XP001179677. **[Exhibit 4]**
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